

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1, 3-15, 17 and 18 are now present in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended in this Reply. Claim 16 has been cancelled in this Reply. Claims 1, 3 and 6 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Reasons For Entry Of Amendments

As the Examiner will note, the amendments to claims are simply made to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 16 in claim 1 and rewrite allowable claim 3 in independent form. Therefore, no new issue is raised. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claim 6 is allowed and dependent claims 3, 5, 7-9 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim 1, which were indicated by the Examiner as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 3 is in condition for allowance.

In addition, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 16, as described hereinbelow.

Drawings

Applicants thank the Examiner for accepting the formal drawings of the instant application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 10, 12, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim, KR 2002058542, in view of Flumignan, U.S. Patent No. 4,431,884. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

As mentioned, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 16, which was indicated by the Examiner as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4, 10, 12, 15 and 17 clearly define the present invention over the references relied on by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

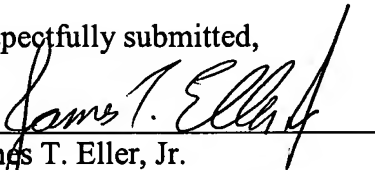
In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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